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Dear Professor Lederberg,

It was seven years ago when I intended to begin some work with bacteria, and you were also kindly sending me some reprints after my request. However the realization failed especially in the lysenkoist period thus my start delayed till 1954. We have had many troubles not only on account of the restricted possibilities we have but having no possibilities to discuss our problems. I started with the streptomycin resistance in *Serratia* and the experiments went on with half results and with many fiascos. Therefore I was much surprised getting the invitation to the Ciba-Symposium honoring me to take part. In september I thought yet that with a strained finish perhaps we should be able to confirm some of our suggested conclusions. However, the october events bursted out and the aftereffect hindered us to do so, three months long we could

not perform experiments in our labs. Therefore I gave up to give any formal paper on the symposium.

As far as I am informed from our Academy of sciences, my passport will be arranged, and I have now good hopes to be able to join the symposium. I am very glad of it, because I shall have now the opportunity to meet you also, and I hope you will be willing to give me opportunity to discuss our problems. I think you cannot even imagine how many difficulties are making barriers-sometimes quite elementary technical ones - if somebody is beginning some work in such an isolation we have had.

I wish to express my thanks also to you giving help to Mr. Tomasz in his hard situation.

With best regards

very sincerely yours

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